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SUBJECT: ICAO JOINT FINANCING

FOR USREP ICAO

1. ICAO EUROPEAN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERIE HAS COMMUNICATED TO US UNDER LETTER T 13/8.2N-527 DATED 28 APRIL PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF ICAO AIR NAVIGATION PLAN ORIGINATED BY DENMARK ON BEHALF OF CANADA, DENMARK AND ICELAND. US AIR FORCE WILL CEASE AFTER DECEMBER 31 TO PROVIDE AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES IN THE SONDRESTROM, GREENLAND, FIR, AND PROPOSAL CALLS FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY REYKJAVIK AND GANDER CONTROL CENTERS. IN SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION (T 13/8.2-893 DATED 10 JULY) MONTGOMERIE ADVISED THAT NO OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO PROPOSAL, BUT OBSERVED THAT PROPOSAL CANNOT PROCEED
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TO FINALIZATION BECAUSE IMPLEMENTATION DEPENDS UPON FUNDS

BEING MADE AVAILABLE (PRESENTLY ESTIMATED TO BE 763,000 DOLLARS IN CASE OF DENMARK AND 95,000 DOLLARS IN CASE OF ICELAND.

2. US IS RESPONDING TO MONTGOMERIE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. WHILE WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE AIRSPACE AND THE CHANGE IN THE FIR BOUNDARIES, IN OUR OPINION THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED JOINT SUPPORT

FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE SO SUBSTANTIAL AND THEIR OPERATION SO EXPENSIVE AS TO CAUSE CONCERN REGARDING THEIR COST EFFECTIVENESS. BEFORE WE CAN AGREE TO INCREASES IN THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS, REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED AND WE WILL BE MAKING SUCH A PROPOSAL TO ICAO. UNQUOTE.

3. WE SHARE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN MONTREAL A-69 THAT PRESSURES ON CEILINGS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT SUPPORT AGREEMENTS BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED, AND ARE OF VIEW THAT JOINT SUPPORT FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE SO SUBSTANTIAL AND THEIR OPERATION SO INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE AS TO REQUIRE STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BEFORE ANY INCREASES IN JOINT SUPPORT LEVELS ARE CONSIDERED. YOU SHOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS IN THIS RESPECT TO SECRETARY GENERAL AND EXPLORE WITH HIM POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ICAO STAFF, POSSIBLY ASSISTED BY NATIONAL EXPERTS, STUDY REQUIREMENTS IN TIME TO HAVE RESULTS AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER. ARTICLE IV PARA 1 OF BOTH AGREEMENTS APPEARS TO PROVIDE AMPLE AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY GENERAL TO UNDERTAKE THIS ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. SISCO

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